<u>Claim Listing</u>

Please cancel claims 8-9, 17-19, and 28-29.

1. (Currently Amended) A method for communication status management, comprising:

receiving a first status change request from a user, the first status change request including at

least a first user status <u>indicative of a communication availability of the user</u> and a

first duration <u>specifying a period of time during which the first user status is to be</u>

<u>maintained</u>;

establishing a [[first current]] user communication status based on the first status change

request;

<u>waiting for the period of time specified by the first duration to elapse;</u>

<u>determining if the first status change request includes a second user status to take effect after</u>

<u>the period of time specified by the first duration has elapsed, wherein the second</u>

<u>user status is indicative of a communication availability of the user; and</u>

<u>in the event the first status change request does not include the second user status,</u> prompting

the user ~~based on the first duration~~ <u>to update the user communication status</u>.

2. (Currently Amended) The method as recited in Claim 1, wherein the first status change request

further includes a first user status message <u>including information regarding the first user status</u>.

3. (Currently Amended) The method as recited in Claim 2, wherein the first status change request further includes [[a]] the second user status and a second user status message including information regarding the second user status.

4. (Currently Amended) The method as recited in Claim [[3]] 1, further comprising:

in the event the first status change request includes the second user status, establishing a second current updating the user communication status based on the second user status and the second user status message.

5. (Currently Amended) The method as recited in Claim 1, wherein the first status change request further includes a second user status further comprising:

receiving user input following the prompting, wherein the user input includes an updated communication status indicative of a communication availability of the user and an updated duration specifying a period of time during which the updated communication status is to be maintained.

6. (Currently Amended) The method as recited in Claim 5, further comprising establishing a second current user communication status based on the second user status :

determining if the user input includes an indication that the updated communication status is to be maintained indefinitely without additional prompting.

7. (Currently Amended) The method as recited in Claim [[1]] 6, further comprising ~~receiving a~~ ~~second status change request from the user, the second status change request including at least a~~ ~~second user status and a second duration~~ :

in the event the user input does not include an indication that the updated communication status is to be maintained indefinitely without additional prompting, updating the user communication status based on the user input.

8.   (Canceled).

9.   (Canceled).

10. (Currently Amended) The method as recited in Claim 1, further comprising transmitting the [[first current]] user communication status.

11. (Currently Amended) A communication system ~~for communication status management~~, comprising:

an interface configured to receive a first status change request from a user, the first status change request including at least a first user status indicative of a communication availability of the user and a first duration specifying a period of time during which the first user status is to be maintained;

a status module operatively coupled to the interface and configured to establish a user communication status based on the first status change request, and to determine if the first status change request includes a second user status to take effect after the

period of time specified by the first duration has elapsed, wherein the second user

status is indicative of a communication availability of the user; and

wherein the interface is further configured to prompt the user ~~based on the first duration~~ to

update the user communication status in the event the first status change request

does not include the second user status ~~; and~~

~~a processor coupled to the interface and configured to establish a first current user~~

~~communication status based on the first status change request.~~

12. (Currently Amended) The communication system as recited in Claim 11, wherein the first

status change request further includes a first user status message including information regarding the

first user status.

13. (Currently Amended) The communication system as recited in Claim 12, wherein the first

status change request further includes a second user status indicative of a communication

availability of the user and a second user status message including information regarding the second

user status.

14. (Currently Amended) The communication system as recited in Claim [[13]] 11, wherein the

[[processor]] status module is further configured to ~~establish a second current user communication~~

~~status based on the second user status and the second user status message~~ update the user

communication status based on the second user status in the event the first status change request

includes the second user status.

15. (Currently Amended) The communication system as recited in Claim 11, wherein the ~~first status change request further includes a second user status~~ interface is configured to receive user input following the prompting, and wherein the user input includes an updated communication status indicative of a communication availability of the user and an updated duration specifying a period of time during which the updated communication status is to be maintained.

16. (Currently Amended) The communication system as recited in Claim 15, wherein the ~~processor is further configured to establish a second current user communication status based on the second user status~~ status module is configured to update the user communication status based on the user input in the event the user input does not include an indication that the updated communication status is to be maintained indefinitely without additional prompting.

17.   (Canceled).

18.   (Canceled).

19.   (Canceled).

20. (Currently Amended) The communication system as recited in Claim 11, [[wherein the processor is]] further comprising a communication module operatively coupled to the interface and to the status module, and configured to transmit the [[first current]] user communication status.

21. (Currently Amended) A computer program product for communication status management, the computer program product having a medium with a computer program embodied thereon, the computer program comprising:

> computer program code for receiving a first status change request from a user, the first status change request including at least a first user status <u>indicative of a communication availability of the user</u> and a first duration <u>specifying a period of time during which the first user status is to be maintained</u>;

> computer program code for establishing a [[first current]] user communication status based on the first status change request;

> <u>computer program code for waiting for the period of time specified by the first duration to elapse;</u>

> <u>computer program code for determining if the first status change request includes a second user status to take effect after the period of time specified by the first duration has elapsed, wherein the second user status is indicative of a communication availability of the user;</u> and

> computer program code for<u>, in the event the first status change request does not include the second user status,</u> prompting the user ~~based on the first duration~~ <u>to update the user communication status</u>.

22. (Currently Amended) The computer program product as recited in Claim 21, wherein the first status change request further includes a first user status message <u>including information regarding the first user status</u>.

23. (Currently Amended) The computer program product as recited in Claim 22, wherein the first status change request further includes a second user status indicative of a communication availability of the user and a second user status message including information regarding the second user status.

24. (Currently Amended) The computer program product as recited in Claim 23, further comprising computer program code for establishing a second current , in the event the first status change request includes the second user status, updating the user communication status based on the second user status and the second user status message.

25. (Currently Amended) The computer program product as recited in Claim 21, wherein the first status change request further includes a second user status further comprising:

computer program code for receiving user input following the prompting, wherein the user input includes an updated communication status indicative of a communication availability of the user, and an updated duration specifying a period of time during which the updated communication status is to be maintained.

26. (Currently Amended) The computer program product as recited in Claim 25, further comprising computer program code for establishing a second current user communication status based on the second user status :

computer program code for determining if the user input includes an indication that the updated communication status is to be maintained indefinitely without additional prompting.

27. (Currently Amended) The computer program product as recited in Claim [[21]] 26, further comprising ~~computer program code for receiving a second status change request from the user, the second status change request including at least a second user status and a second duration~~ :

> computer program code for, in the event the user input does not include an indication that the updated communication status is to be maintained indefinitely without additional prompting, updating the user communication status based on the user input.

28.   (Canceled).

29.   (Canceled).

30. (Currently Amended) The computer program product as recited in Claim 21, further comprising computer program code for transmitting the [[first current]] user communication status.